

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
POWER  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4949  
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RATIONALIZATION OF POWER TARIFF  
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether NTPC gives power to State Electricity Boards at the rate of Rs.1.80 per unit while SEBs charge as much as Rs.4.50 per unit to Coal India Ltd.;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are considering rationalization power tariff and check subsidization by SEBs;
- (c) if so, whether the Coal India Ltd. has sought rationalization of freight charges by the Railway to enable coal sector to be competitive and cost effective; and
- (d) the details of action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard along with present status of reforms?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) to (d) : The weighted average tariff of NTPC for the year 2001-02 was Rs.1.43 paise per KWH. The tariff charged by the various SEBs from heavy industrial consumers which may also be applicable to Coal India Ltd., during the same period varies from 164.70 paise per KWH to 518.21 paise per KWH.

Section 29(2)(c) of the Electricity Regulatory Commissions (ERC) Act, 1998 requires the State Commission to ensure inter alia that the tariff progressively reflects the cost of supply of electricity at an adequate and improving level of efficiency.

Rationalization of rail freight charges for coal has been suggested.